

THE WORLD'S STRANGE EVENTS FLASHED ACROSS THE SEAS

BEER AND WINES ARE USED TO PUT OUT FIRE IN TOKYO

Water Supply Cut Off by Earthquake, Beverage Is Substituted.

3,000,000 FORCED TO GO WITHOUT BATHS

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TOKYO, Jan. 7.—Beer, wine and sake flowed yesterday in a Tokyo gutter even as it might in "dry" America, following a visit of heartless prohibition officers. But the liquor that trickled across the sidewalk here and seeped into the dusty pavement of the Ginza, was not contraband, nor can it be said it was entirely wasted. Patrons of a Ginza cafe, one of the countless Japanese eating houses on the thoroughfare, were called in to forego their wine, and the staff to extinguish a fire that had broken out in the building. A totally insufficient water supply was available for such purposes, and besides, water was much too dear to use for putting out fires.

Fortunately for unfortunately from the viewpoint of the liquor dealers, this is not a condition which exists normally in Tokyo. But the recent earthquake, the worst suffered in almost thirty years, although no lives were lost, seriously damaged the city water system and reduced the supply for Tokyo's 3,000,000 inhabitants to virtually nothing.

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Not in 300 years has disaster in this shape visited the Japanese capital, subjected though it is to frequent earthquakes of more or less serious proportions. Whole sections of the city have been demolished in a minute's time and fires following earthquakes shake have time and again taken heavy toll of lives and property. Due to the volcanic nature of all the islands of Japan, and to the peculiar seismic conditions at this point of the earth's surface, few localities in the world are so often visited by quakes. Oftentimes as many as half a dozen shocks are felt in the course of a week, and during one year recently almost 2,000 distinct earthquakes (some of them barely perceptible however) were recorded by an observatory here. Never, however, until the present was Tokyo left waterless.

Without Bath or Shaving Facilities.

Today the 3,000,000 are bathless—and largely unshaven—while hiru (the Japanese derivation of a once familiar word "beer") is the principal drink of the city.

It isn't known just how much of the liquid was used by the Ginza cafe patrons, when they put out the fire, but certainly it was more than would have been put to such purposes in America. A thirsty tourist from the States was seen yesterday at the spectacle until he remembered that here, if not where he lives, there's plenty more where that came from.

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PEASANT HIDES MONEY IN GUN BARREL; NEIGHBOR BORROWS GUN FROM WIFE

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He made a mistake, however, in his wife's wife into the house. A neighbor called a few days later, in the absence of the man of the house, and asked for the loan of the gun to get a hare.

The husband, who was in the house, and when the peasant came in the wife remarked that the neighbor must be a very bad shot.

"Why?" the peasant asked.

"Because he used both charges of your gun on a hare without hitting."

"My shotgun?" inquired the peasant with a gasp, at the same time making for the corner where the weapon hung.

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By Wythe Williams.

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Indications point that way. The Duke of Talleyrand-Perigord, who died in the tempestuous career of the youngest daughter of the late Jay Gould, American multi-millionaire.

During the last week the Duchess de Talleyrand-Perigord and Princess de Sagan—the latter title abandoned during the war on account of its being German—has taken the same afternoon train to the same hotel in Paris, and has been seen together.

That is to say, she has forbidden Sagan her house, the great "Pink Palace," at the corner of the Avenue Malakoff and Bois de Boulogne. That house, which has been the home of the Sagan family for many years, was one of Count Boni's many extravaganzas shortly after his marriage to the wealthy American girl, and was copied after the Grand Trianon at Versailles.

The latest movement on the part of the Duchess has at last given the Faubourg Saint Germain a new sensation—the first real one since the Duke of Talleyrand-Perigord's death in many years—in fact, since the time Count Boni was in full enjoyment of the Gould millions, when he rented the house in the Seine for his garden parties and when he engaged the twin lakes in the Bois de Boulogne upon which he gave water fetes such as had not been seen in France since the days of Louis XIV.

Even, indeed, according to Boni, they were even better spectacles than those staged by the grand monarch, according to a common report, Duke Helleu has migrated to one of his castles on the Rhine, the enjoyment of which was forbidden him during the war; and there he doubtless will stay while his life seeks to obtain her second divorce.

It is not only the Duchess de Talleyrand's step toward a divorce that is giving Faubourg Saint Germain a sensation—the really toothsome morsel is in the report that Boni, who since his father's death is the Marquis de Castellane and head of his house, has opened negotiations with his former wife toward remarriage, or rather for the re-establishment of their former relations.

While Anna Gould, Countess de Sagan, has opened a decree of divorce from her first husband, Count Boni's marriage was never declared annulled by the Catholic Church. Her marriage to Prince de Sagan never has been recognized except as a civil one, and in the eyes of the Catholic Church her youngest child, the son of Duke de Talleyrand-Perigord, is illegitimate.

Similarity, according to the French noblesse the American multi-millionaire.

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which capacity he has many business deals with the well-known American decorator, Miss Elsie de Wolfe. He has lived of late in a handsome, aristocratic house in the Rue de Lille, which recently sold for more than 1,000,000 francs.

It is ancient history that when the Count Boni was ejected from the Pink Palace of Anna Gould he was said to have only his 2,000 neckties, and he was in possession of a large old gentleman who is bored with life.

When the director of a moving picture company asks for permission to use his palace as the scene of a film, he gladly acquiesces in the hope that the monotony will at last be broken. He is not disappointed. The Count de Castellane is reputed to be even more of a spendthrift and more reckless in his extravagance than his cousin Boni, apparently turned over a new leaf at that time.

According to all reports, he conducted a regime of strict economy while in the role of Anna Gould's husband, and it is suspected that he has taken with him ample funds on his recently started strategy. At present, he is living in Germany. Particularly amusing, it may be added, is the fact that Germany is reported extremely cheap.

The reasons assigned for the dismissal of Talleyrand-Perigord are which were given for the naming of Count Boni many years ago. And the peccadilloes indulged in by the count were world-wide scandals at that time; his love affairs, his extravagances, his brutality even, were such that no one wondered when his wife took the step that led to the partitioning of the estate.

During the war De Castellane was a liaison officer attached to the British staff until difficulties arose, due to differences of opinion on general strategy. At present, he is known as the head of the pro-Austrian party in France, and had several meetings with the ex-emperor Charles previous to the latter's recent escape.

Boni also is known as pro-British and anti-American, which latter feeling, of course, may be modified if the Duchess Anna listens to the pleadings of the Faubourg Saint Germain, and takes him back to resume his position of her ultra-royal bounty.

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AMERICAN PLAYS FOR ITALIAN STAGE

(Continued from First Page.)

probable run which Sem Benelli, "The Jest" had in New York has singled out Nino Bertini's "The Joker" (Il Baffardo) as another possible success on Broadway. Bertini's play is similar to that of Benelli's, but in name and in the fact that the scene is laid in medieval Florence.

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PARIS TAXICAB DRIVER RAISES DIN WITH "HOOTER" TO DROWN OFFENSIVE ABUSE

PARIS, Jan. 7.—One Paris taxicab driver at least is a chivalrous and knightly soul. He is conducting a politeness competition, has found a number who have been made polite by the hopes of a prize, and among the prize-winners the palm must surely go to the driver of the cab 10587. He was hailed in the Rue de Rivoli by a gentleman who wished to show the pair gently along, thoughtfully pointing out the objects of interest, and then he became involved in one of those astonishing traffic blocks that occur a thousand times a day in the streets of Paris.

The driver of the lorry seemed to think that the taxicabman was to blame for the block and began to shout abuse of a violent kind. What did the taxicabman do? Mindful of the young girl in his cab, he promptly set up a din with his hooter and so effectively drowned the voice of the other. Explaining afterwards, he said: "I have three children myself, and, therefore, I wished to preserve the ears of Mademoiselle."

GERMAN GIRLS CONTINUE TO MAKE INROADS IN U. S. FORCES

Despite Order That Every American Soldier Who Marries Will Be Returned Home on Next Transport, Every Ship Has Its Quota of Newly-Weds.

[By Associated Press.]

COBLENZ, Jan. 7.—Winsome German girls continue to make inroads in the American forces in Germany, despite the standing order issued two years ago, that enlisted men, when married here would be returned to America with their wives on the next army transport.

Every man in uniform with returning troops carries its quota of newlyweds, and whenever a troop train leaves Coblenz for Antwerp, the lot of emigration officers is to keep the splendid business, their customers being chiefly German girls who desire to be with their husbands upon the departing ships, and to keep them from being a burden on the army.

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ECCELESIASTICAL TRIAL ATTRACTS ATTENTION

Charges Placed With Bishop of Oxford Against Rev. H. D. A. Major.

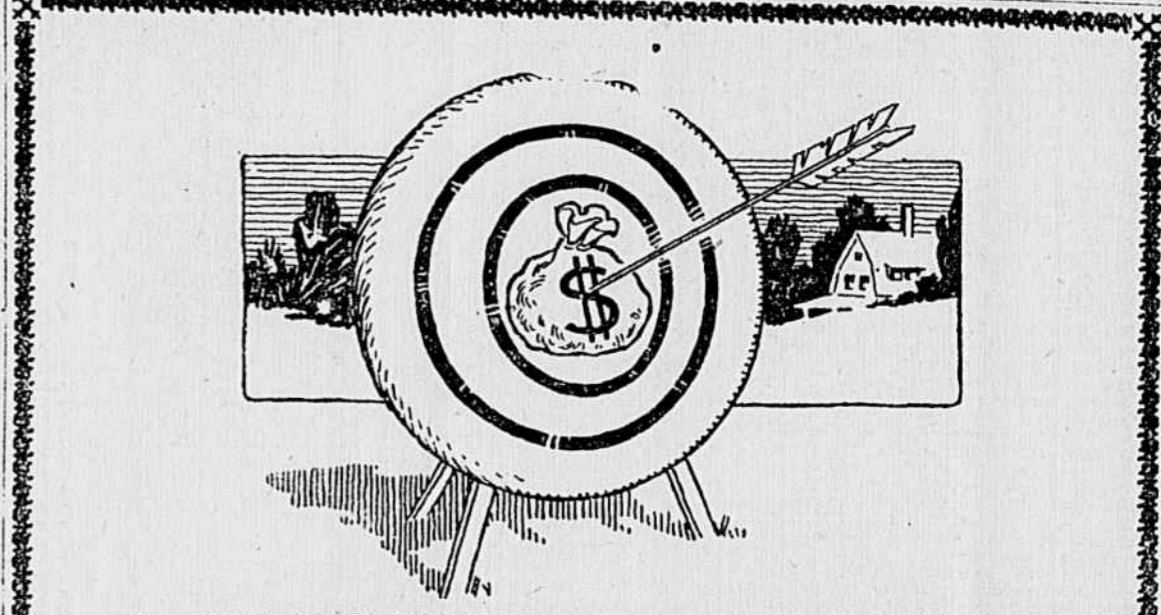
[Special Cable Dispatch.]

LONDON, Jan. 7.—Charges of heresy—with the possibility that England will have an ecclesiastical trial such as it has not known since the Middle Ages—have been filed against the Rev. H. D. A. Major, principal of Ripon Hall, a theological institute in the town of Oxford, by the Rev. C. E. Douglas, publisher of a church paper. Further action rests with the Bishop of Oxford, with whom the charges have been placed.

The action grows out of an article written by the Rev. Mr. Major, in which he said that the resurrection of Christ was a spiritual, but not a physical happening. The Rev. Mr. Douglas therefore charges him with "publishing doctrine which is contrary to the teachings of creed as set forth in the prayer-book and contrary to the spirit of Holy Scripture," and also of importing into the Christian religion the teachings of the Eastern mystic, Buddha.

Due to the fact that the Rev. Mr. Major holds no benefice, the case cannot be tried through the ordinary channels of the bishops' court, with appeal to the court of archbishops. Instead, the procedure which must be followed is the "procedure by inquisition." Under this, the bishop appoints "an inquisition of priests" to hear the testimony of the Rev. Mr. Major, since the filing of the charges, has announced he will defend the position taken in his writings if arraigned.

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